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SUBJ: POPULATION COMMISSION: WORLD POPULATION

CONFERENCE - ADMINISTRATIVE AND

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

1. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS CONTINUE TO FRUSTRATE AND CONFUSE POPULATION COMMISSION (POPCOM) AND WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE (WPC) SECRETARIAT. THIS DUE PRIMARILY TO RIGOROUS APPLICATION BY UN DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT OF POLICY OF STRINGENT ECONOMIES IN ALL UN ACTIVITIES. THERE IS URGENT NEED TO BALANCE THIS POLICY AGAINST REQUIREMENTS FOR TRAVEL, TRANSLATION, PRINTING, CONSULTANT SERVICES, AND OTHER ACTIVITIES IN PREPARATION FOR OR AT WPC FOR WHICH FLEXIBILITY IN USE OF FUNDS IS NECESSARY BECAUSE PRECISE REQUIREMENTS COULD NOT BE FORESEEN AND DEFINED WHEN WPC BUDGET PREPARED MID-1972.

2. POPCOM CONSIDERATION FEATURED:

A) STATEMENTS BY WPC SYG CARRILLO-FLORES, POP DIVISION CHIEF TABAH AND R. TOWNLEY, ACTING DIRECTOR OF OFFICE OF SYG WPC THAT THERE WERE DIFFICULTIES IN UNDERTAKING VARIOUS ACTIONS TO PREPARE FOR WPC BECAUSE OF FINANCIAL AND MANPOWER CONSIDERATIONS,
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B) WIDESPREAD SUPPORT FOR US STATEMENT THAT

RECOGNIZED NEED FOR ECONOMY WHILE STRESSING THAT WITHIN ESTABLISHED BUDGET SYG WPC SHOULD HAVE FLEXIBILITY TO USE FUNDS AS NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH PURPOSE OF PREPARING ADEQUATELY FOR WPC,

C) REITERATION BY HALVOR GILLIE (DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UNFPA) THAT UNFPA FUNDS CAN BE USED FLEXIBLY TOGETHER WITH EXPRESSION OF REGRET THAT UN RESTRICTIONS HAD INHIBITED INTENDED FLEXIBILITY,

D) STATEMENTS BY CARRILLO-FLORES, TABAH AND TOWNLEY THAT POSITION OF POPCOM AND UNFPA WOULD BE HELPFUL IN REQUESTS THAT UN DEPT ADMIN AND MGT PERMIT WPC PREPARATIONS TO PROCEED AS POPCOM DESIRES.

3. NO EVIDENCE THAT THERE WILL BE A NEED FOR FUNDS ABOVE \$3.4 MILLION ESTIMATED NOVEMBER 1972. HOWEVER, CHANGES WITHIN THAT ESTIMATE AND WPC SECRETARIAT CONFUSION OVER STATUS AND ADEQUACY OF FUNDS AVAILABLE LED POPCOM TO REQUEST REVISED BUDGET AND STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES FOR CONSIDERATION AT POPCOM SPECIAL SESSION MARCH 74.

4. COMMENT: WHILE SITUATION ON FLEXIBILITY NOT YET SERIOUS IT BEGINNING CREATED UNHEALTHY ATMOSPHERE. DEPT. MAY WISH CONSIDER REPRESENTATION TO UNDER SECRETARY-GENERAL GEORGE DAVIDSON TO ASSURE HE UNDERSTANDS FULLY THE IMPORTANCE THE US (AND POPCOM) ATTACHES TO UNFETTERED PREPARATIONS FOR WPC BY CARRILLO-FLORES WHOM WE KNOW AS MAN OF HIGHEST INTEGRITY WHO WILL USE FUNDS PRUDENTLY.
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